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New M. C. Chapel Opened

First Address Made By President Nelson
NEW EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND BUILDINGS LISTED
About 1,000 Gather At Opening Service

Clinton, Miss., Jan. 4—One of the great dates in the history of 122 year old Mississippi College was Tuesday, January 4. President D. M. Nelson brought the initial address given in the new chapel. At this first service ever held in the chapel the student body and faculty, almost one thousand people, stood and sang "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name." Dr. Nelson began his message in a serious manner, expressing the sentiment of all in these words:

"We have reached the end of our original building program, and we are impressed as never before with the truth as expressed in the first verse of the 127th Psalm:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

As he retold the story of the college's building program, everyone sensed the deep concern and sacrifice expended by the administration.

Accumulating funds since the fall of 1949, there was in the banks by June 1946 about one-third of the ne-

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ESTUS MASON TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



REV. A. ESTUS MASON

Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor of the South Side church, Meridian, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, January 16, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WVBM, Brookhaven.



DR. D. M. NELSON



REV. WILLIAM P. DAVIS

Wm. P. Davis Elected Assistant Secretary

Has Had Varied Experience In Denominational Activities
HOLLANDALE PASTOR TO ASSIST IN BAPTIST WORK

Rev. William P. Davis, pastor of the First church, Hollandale has accepted the position of Assistant Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and will begin his work on February 7.

Mr. Davis is a native of Blue Springs, a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He has also done graduate work at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., and Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia and is a Th. M. graduate of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville. He also holds the Chaplain's Diploma from Chaplain's School of Harvard University and served twenty three months in the Pacific area.

The Rev. Mr. Davis was ordained at the age of 17 and served quarter time churches during his student days at Newton and Clinton. Other services were: Supply pastor of First Church, Columbus; pastor of Druid Park church, Baltimore; assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Maryland Baptist Union, Baltimore; Chaplain in the U. S. Army with the grade of major; pastor of the First church, Clinton, Kentucky; pastor of Barren Plains church, Springfield Tennessee and pastor of the First Church Hollandale, Mississippi.

Since March 1948 when Mr. Davis became pastor of the Hollandale church \$10,000 has been added to the building fund and 54 members re-

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Missions Conference Rejects Merger

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. —(RNS)—After lengthy debate, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, meeting here for its 55th annual session, voted against affiliating with the proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

See report of the special committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on page This committee attended this meeting and reports its findings.

Fifty - one delegates favored the merger and 63 opposed it. Twelve delegates abstained from voting. A two-thirds majority of the voting dele-

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SBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS EXCEED \$6,000,000

Over \$4,000,000 Given To Foreign Missions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—Southern Baptist churches set an all time record by contributing in excess of \$6,000,000 to the denomination's national Cooperative Program in 1948.

Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, has announced that \$6,000,837.30 was received by his office and distributed on a percentage basis to the Convention's institutions and agencies during the year.

Total monies handled by his office, including designated gifts, were \$8,865,790.80, Dr. McCall said. Of this figure, the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., received \$4,209,915.25 for Baptist mission work overseas.

Dr. McCall estimated that other gifts sent direct from the churches to Southern Baptist institutions would boost the overall total well beyond \$10,000,000, but, definite figures will not be available until the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Oklahoma City next May.

The 1948 figures compare with 1947 Cooperative Program gifts of \$5,217,762.39, meaning an increase of \$783,074.91 this year, and with 1947 total gifts of \$7,356,226.65, meaning an increase of \$1,509,564.15 this year.

Why I Am A Baptist A TESTIMONY OF ONE WHO SEARCHED FOR THE TRUTH

By Gordon Palmer

(Editor's Note: Dr. Gordon Palmer is past president of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is at present on a preaching tour in Australia and New Zealand. In the above testimony he leads off in a series from different parts of the world that will appear from time to time.)

A sincere and careful study of the New Testament concerning Christ's plan of salvation and the place of the ordinances in the Christian life made me a Baptist. I found it was necessary to believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, to repent and turn from my sins to God, and to "bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance" — to do restitution as far as possible, and to witness to Christ as my Lord and Saviour. Christ said, "If you love me, you will do what I say." I took this to mean that he wanted me to do the things he did and exemplify his spirit. It was evident that he was baptized. I loved him, therefore, I did what he did and was baptized.

Baptists believe that the Bible is

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CIRCULATION THIS WEEK, 63,068

NEW M. C. CHAPEL OPENED

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cessary amount for the building objective.

The conviction grew that He who had presented the challenge expected at least an honest attempt to meet it. It was also recalled that every undertaking of any moment had an element of uncertainty about it and to the many seemed impossible of attainment.

"What hath God wrought?" What indeed do we see? The Library annex three stories of it, modern and complete; two residence halls for women of one hundred capacity each with a common parlor; and a Home Economics Department with the last word in equipment and arrangement; this commodious office and classroom building with this beautiful chapel; the Student Center building filling a great need; the Mary B. Aven Music Hall, the gift of Mrs. W. M. Whittington; the band building with a shell and amphitheater in prospect; some seventy-five apartments for the use of the faculty and married students; eight concrete tennis courts, library books, laboratory and classroom equipment running into thousands of dollars. Certainly God has been here and we have known it and felt it all along.

"M. C. has a distinctive mission. She is committed to the glorious task of not only teaching the arts and sciences, but more important still, to instruct in the fine art of correct living. She proposes not only to train the mind to think rightly and the will to choose wisely, but also to cultivate the heart to feel nobly, and to create in the heart a hunger for the true, the good, and the beautiful, and a restless urge to pursue them and lean heavily upon them.

"The real mission of Mississippi College has been, is now, and, please God, will always be, the development of Christian character and the training for Christian service, whatever the vocation or profession pursued.

"... Mississippi College is eternally against the vices and practices which weaken the body, becloud the mind, and destroy the soul. Mississippi College stands everlastingly for all those virtues which, when practiced, fruit into radiant and joyous personality and strong wholesome Christian character. If perchance there should come those among us with a different philosophy, and elect to practice the vices and eschew the virtues, let it be known here and now that such practices nor practitioner do not represent but misrepresent the real Mississippi College.

"We stand today facing new challenges and news opportunities. The urgent need now is augmenting the endowment to sustain the large enrollment. There can be no resting on laurels already won, victories already achieved. Status quo has no place in a kingdom-building enterprise. Not to progress is to regress.

"Mississippi College should soon be able to offer graduate work and professional training. This will require more income from a permanent source and more buildings and equipment. Our people have the resources, and the Lord is ready to give us the worthy desires of our heart.

"There is need for a great Christian university in this area. Why not Mississippi College? Waves of Materialism and Secularism are lashing fiercely against the walls of the Christian Colleges of America. Many of

them are yielding to the pressure and falling to pieces.

May it be in the providence of God that Mississippi College shall withstand the onslaught and if she be the last one left, may she ring true to the eternal principles upon which she was grounded and continue to give a Christian leadership like that which came out of Palestine over 1900 years ago, which shall beat back the waves of paganism, assuring the finding of the faith upon the earth when He comes. Under the spell of this inspiration we are emboldened to go forward at all cost and press on. . . "

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WHY I AM A BAPTIST

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God's inspired Word, inspired as no other literature in the world, and that it is their sole and complete and full authority in all matters of faith and conduct. Because of this, we have endeavored to practice the teachings of Jesus in all of our dealings with our fellow men, thus trying to be like Jesus as we walk through life. The Bible says that Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan and that Jesus exhorts all men to follow him through the baptismal waters in the name of the Father, and of the Lord Jesus the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I had fallen in love with Christ and therefore wanted to do what he did, and so I, too, was baptized.

Church history helped me in my choice of the church to which I would unite. I found that Baptists believed in the New Testament teaching of "believer's baptism," and that baptism was by immersion of the believer in water. I liked the Baptist emphasis on "regenerate church membership" and the "priesthood of all believers." I liked their teaching that we do not need a "middle man" in our way to God other than the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no need for priests, cardinals, or popes in the Christian's approach to God.

I liked the simplicity of their church organization. Every member becomes "some one." Each member may participate in the total life of the church, and each may be heard on any question with genuine respect.

I liked the "autonomy of the local church." There was no overlordship. They seemed to be the most democratic group of believers I could find, and with a world view of Christian service, having a great evangelistic passion and missionary spirit. They endeavor to take the Great Commission seriously.

I found that Baptists were never persecutors, although they have been seriously persecuted. Baptists are not "Protestants" in the common understanding of that term. Because they ardently believe in freedom of conscience, freedom to worship, and freedom of speech, they have been the protagonists of liberty. Baptists believe in liberty rather than tolerance. Baptists would insist upon the rights of Roman Catholics to be Roman Catholics, or Jews to be Jews, or even atheists to be atheists, providing they do not try to force their views on others by persecution or coercion of fear. Baptists believe in soul liberty, and the only coercion they believe in is the constraint of love and Christlikeness.

Baptists are aggressively opposed to the "union of church and governments or of the state." They insist on full liberty, but within the sphere of Christian brotherhood.

Because I am a Christian and a

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" Receives Another Honor



John K. Hough, right, director of advertising for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, accepting plaque from M. Simmons, publisher of Magazine Digest, honoring Goodyear's public service radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told", as the outstanding radio program in the religious category.

The program, broadcast over the ABC network every Sunday at 6:30 p.m., EST, is a drama based on the teachings of Christ, and carries no commercial announcements. "The Greatest Story Ever Told", now in its third season on the air, has received more honors, awards, and commendation than probably any other radio program ever received.

Baptist, I believe in cooperating to the fullest extent of my ability with other Christian and religious groups to help make the will of Christ done more fully on earth and among men the world around. — The Watchman-Examiner.

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE

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gates was required for approval.

Debate on the proposal was touched off by Dr. Charles T. Leber of New York, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. He implored the delegates to place the "foreign missions enterprise within the framework, and, God willing, at the center," of the National Council.

Dr. M. T. Rankin of Richmond, Va., representing the Southern Baptist Convention, opposed the merger. He maintained that a vote in favor of participation "is a vote that does away with the Foreign Missions Conference and effectively eliminates Southern Baptists from a fellowship that has lasted many years."

A motion proposing that further consideration of the question be postponed was made by Dr. Ralph E. Diefendorfer, retiring secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church.

This proposal was promptly opposed by the Rev. John T. Peter of New York, a Presbyterian clergyman.

He argued that any postponement would "look very much like pussyfooting" since the FMC has been discussing affiliation for the last seven years.

"The Protestant Church," he declared, "has lost its battles time and time again because it has been afraid to speak its mind."

TEACH ME, OH LORD, JUST HOW

Lord help me to do some good to-day,
To serve some pilgrim on his way,
Some word of cheer unto him say.

Teach me, oh Lord, just how.
Help me to right some bitter wrong,
Some brother weak help to make strong,
Give hope and courage through a song.

Teach me, oh Lord, just how.
Help me to aid those in distress,
To make their heavy burdens less,
By giving joy and happiness.

Teach me, oh Lord, just how.
Help me to feed some hungry heart,
With helping hand give a new start,
And thus fulfill the Christian's part.

Teach me, oh Lord, just how.

Ernest O. Sellers

New Orleans Baptist Seminary

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WM. F. DAVIS ELECTED

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ceived into the church, 27 by baptism.

During Mr. Davis' pastorate at Clinton, Kentucky he was a member of the Executive Board of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists (State Convention). He also led the church to remodel the church building, refinish the pastor's home, purchase property for church expansion and install a full time radio program.

The pastorate at Barren Plains was also outstanding and was mentioned by Dr. John D. Freeman, who at that time was Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, in his book, "State Mission Trails in Tennessee."

Three books now in process of publication have been written by Mr. Davis. They are: "Along the Galilean Highway from Descension to Ascension"; "Along the Galilean Highway from the Ascension to 1948 Jungles"; "Galilean Paintings of Caring, Sharing, Daring—A Study of Some Parables."

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I

"THIS ONE THING WE DO."

This month closes ten years of service as Executive Secretary to the Convention Board. We started in this position on February 1, 1939. It was a cool day, a bit cloudy, as we remember. As we walked in the office early in the morning, there was no fanfare, no bands, no flowers. Baptists were in the "dumps." The depression was on. Bond holders must have knit their brows afresh. The story of bonds, interest, deficits, campaigns is too well known to repeat.

Present were the bookkeeper, the recently employed office secretary, and another applicant for the latter position. The two constituted our immediate force. In addition we had four departments.

Today we have five bookkeepers — twelve departments. This suggests the growth of the work.

At once we realized the bigness of the task. We knew no man of himself could do the job. We counted upon the Lord and the brethren! The Lord has never let us down once! The brethren have been 95% faithful!

We concentrated upon one thing — this work! We turned our personal business affairs over to a member of the family. We had written all checks, paid all bills, seen after taxes and insurance. For ten years another has done that!

"This ONE thing we do." We have dreamed it, prayed it, boosted it, preached it, worked it, etc. We have not tried to buy real estate, farm, lend or borrow money, buy bonds for self — this one thing we do! We have represented no person save Christ, no group save Mississippi Baptists!

We know the record with its victories and mistakes — we are not ashamed of it, neither afraid of it at any point. It is like the house built upon a rock — the winds blew, the rain descended, the flood came — it stood! Jesus in Matthew 7:24-25!

"My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand."

The evangelistic emphasis has been constant!

The unity of our people has been phenomenal!

The growth of the work has been outstanding!

The manifest pleasure of the Lord in it all is satisfying!

II

A decade — 10 years — is usually regarded as a very distinct period. As we complete ten years of service — the record speaks for itself — and go into another:

We pledge a continued spiritual emphasis in all the work.

We pledge a continued evangelistic program!

We pledge a continued soul winning practice!

We pledge a continued honest and faithful handling of all monies!

We pledge a continued open policy in accounting for all funds through the Baptist Record and to the Board!

We pledge continued cooperation with all the churches!

We pledge a continued sympathetic attitude toward all pastors!

We pledge continued helpfulness toward all staff members!

We pledge a continual seeking of His will in all things!

III

In this issue we are happy to present three lists of workers filling strategic places in service. We refer to our asso-

ciational missionaries, associational moderators, and associational clerks. The last named groups appear in the Convention annual also. This is a new service instituted this year. It meant quite a bit of work on the part of our office secretaries in gathering this information. We present them just as the information came to us. Any mistakes will be cheerfully corrected.

IV

The election of Judge John W. McCall as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is a merited honor and a great opportunity to an outstanding layman. He has been an inspiration to us through the years and we are quite sure helpful to many others. Doxology!

V

All those getting State Mission allowances of every sort should remember that all state allowances are conditioned upon State Mission receipts through the Co-operative Program and in designations meeting the needs.

VI

Pastor Ray Dykes, Tylertown, must sing a doxology in his heart as he writes, "NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS". Even so, our Church has succeeded, on one point, at least — the budget. \$31,855 was adopted by the church in December 1947 for the year 1948. As this goes to print, the total year's offerings for all causes is \$32,569.66. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Again! Last Sunday's Offering with added gifts during the week for Building Fund is now above the \$5,000 mark. To be exact — \$5,064.11. The Lord is honored, and we are grateful! Others may yet want to give to the Building Fund before the year is out. Remember, it may be deducted from your income tax report."

VII

Rev. E. F. Graeser, Eighth Avenue, Meridian, is planning for his church through 1949 "know your secretaries" series. It should prove very helpful in the work.

Rev. R. A. Morris, pastor at Newton, writes that despite the burning of their house of worship and a new building program, they are not letting down on special gifts but have \$2200 Co-operative Program monies in the budget along with several other large items. That is the spirit that makes for victory.

VIII

In recent weeks we have had some good fellowship with Rev. Lamar Ball, one of our fine preacher students at Mississippi College. He and Brother Paul Ball are brothers and would make a fine pair in any family.

IX

The folks at Tylertown are in a big building program under the splendid leadership of Pastor Ray Dykes. The morning congregation filled the house and after a fine song service we were privileged to bring the message. We enjoyed the fellowship and refreshment of the Dykes' home at the noon hour.

We had a fine time on a visit with Pastor J. R. Reedy, Eupora. They have started building operations for their house of worship and that is a big event indeed. They did a tremendous thing in raising over \$70,000 cash before they started work on the building. Brother Reedy is one of our strong Board members.

It was inspiring to be in some Youth Revival services with Bob Van Gelderen, Scotchie McCall, Jr., and Sonny Stovall. The response was splendid.

A day of visiting in the Thompson community with friends, Fred B. Bookter and J. F. "Jack" Jones, was refreshing. They have a lovely new house of worship. Some State Mission money has gone into the building. Pastor E. C. Edwards leads

them in a fine way. We were happy to be back with them the first Sunday in January for a fine service. We were entertained in the home of the Jones family.

We were with Brother F. H. Rogers at Oral Church, Lebanon Association, where we showed pictures. Brother Rogers is in the New Orleans Seminary and carries on a full time church program with it. That is a real task. The Oral Church is the home church of Brother Howard Aultman, one of our most talented pastors, and a man whose progressive leadership is felt helpfully in Convention Board procedures.

We were with Brother J. L. Moore, Dossville, for a brief visit. He is one of our most constructive rural pastors whose helpfulness means much to us in the work.

X

We have been pleading all along for all of our budgets to be as democratic as possible with a minimum of red tape. The spirit of Jesus was to serve all and to give His life a ransom for many. We had wanted always the largest possible help given to all the needy places possible.

Again we have repeatedly warned of the danger of stacking up committees, commissions, departments, and institutions that call for extra monies. Before you read this, the Education Commission will have decided where its expenses are to come from. The Baptist Foundation is pleading for more help. The Radio Program demands fullest support, financially and otherwise. The Mississippi Baptist Hospital came before the Budget Committee asking for an increase in percentage. Ministerial Education asked for more money. The Orphanage asked for the same allocation. The needs of some of our colleges for additional finances are imperative. State Mission calls were the largest in our history. Yet the Convention Board and the Convention had voted to cut the state allocation which meant a cut to various state causes.

Every state cause save the hospital was asked to share a small part of the cut. The Hospital was getting only 1% to start with.

We are in the biggest work in the world and we should ask God to make us big enough for the task.

As yet State Missions does not help build a home for the pastor, neither does it help buy pews or other equipment for the building. We wish money might be available for these things but as yet these things have not been taken into the procedure.

All of us as denominational workers, institutional employees, department employees, pastors, laymen, associational missionaries, B. S. U. workers, workers with the races, and all others should keep in mind that State Missions receipts come from just two sources: First, the Co-operative Program, and second, State Mission designations. If we are generous in these, more State Mission help will be given each year. You have exercised a continuous and growing generosity; therefore, more help has been available each year.

Mississippi Baptists are on the march!

We offer these points as constructive criticism in the hope that all of us may be challenged to first, lead our church or churches to do the very best in all the support of Christ in soul winning, enlistment, finances, etc; second, to be worthy of the leadership place we either fill or to which we may aspire; third, be sensible and spiritual in our recommendations regarding procedures in the work of Christ.

No impossible situation confronts our Mississippi Baptist life. On the other hand having observed it for many years as pastor and now several years in this position we know we are in the best position possible for rendering the largest service to all men everywhere in the name of Christ. That should be enough to delight and challenge all of our hearts!

MEAD TO BE REA SPEAKER



J. EARL MEAD

J. Earl Mead, Dallas will speak at the Religious Education Association, meeting at Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Feb. 3-4.

Meals will be served in the college dining hall, and lodging for the ladies will be provided at the college, each for a nominal cost. Men will stay in the hotel.

Membership fee will be \$2.00. If you are planning to attend, write not later than January 15th Miss Margaret Ray, Church Secretary, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, stating whether or not you will remain over night.

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Mars Hill Church, Leake, Supports The Pastor

Although the families of Mars Hill Church, Leake County, are small farmers with limited incomes, they support their half-time pastor by paying, praying, and giving. They pay him a reasonable salary and, since money is not just flowing, they give of what they have in their barns, smokehouses, and pantries.

Pastor W. W. Clark says that he has received about 400 jars of canned goods during the year, as well as fresh meats and cured hams. The church people also gave half of the eggs needed during the year by the family of four.

Mars Hill Church recently presented to their pastor an electric refrigerator.

Mars Hill has the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

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D. M. METTS RESIGNS AT MABEN, MATHISTON Accepts Memphis Pastorate

Rev. D. M. Metts has resigned the pastorates of Maben and Mathiston churches to accept the pastors of Mallory Heights Church in Memphis. The Metts family will move on the new field on January 16.

Mr. Metts has been president of the Northeast Central Pastors Conference since its organization. He is clerk of the Zion Association and Moderator of the Oktibbeha Association. In civic fields, Mr. Metts is a past president of the Rotary Club.

In his pastorates at Maben and Mathiston, there prevails a spiritual warmth. The work in the various organizations has expanded, the W. M. U. having tripled in each church. The financial program in each church has more than doubled.

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New Year Resolutions For Churches

Last week we suggested some new year resolutions for individuals. This week we are suggesting some resolutions for churches. It has been our observation that you get to a place quicker if you know where you are going AND on an unknown road a map is very helpful.

Few people or churches keep all the resolutions made on New Year's Day but it is better to make resolutions and keep some of them than to make none and keep all of them.

Below we list some goals that are within reach of all our churches.

1. Set a worthy goal in evangelism. There is something wrong if a church goes for a whole year with only two or three or no baptisms. Just ONE person could, at least, win one person.

2. If possible increase the percentage being sent to the Cooperative Program by ten or more per cent. In order for State causes to have as much as last year, it is necessary to send at least ten per cent more than last year. This is due to the fact that this year State causes receive only 55 per cent of mission receipts instead of 60 per cent as heretofore.

Many churches keep too much at home and send too little away. We believe that charity begin at home but that does not mean that it should stay there.

3. See that the pastor is paid a salary in keeping with the present unusually high prices. A dollar today will not buy as much as it would even one year ago. Churches that have other paid workers should give them the same consideration along this line as they do the pastor.

4. See that a sufficient amount is in the budget to pay your pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Oklahoma City in May. And it will

take more this year than it did last year. Oklahoma City is much further away than Memphis.

5. If not already functioning, adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record for "Informed Baptists are better Baptists. Churches that have the Baptist Record as a part of their program usually do more and give more than those without it.

6. Pay much attention to the young people of the church. They will be the leaders of tomorrow. We have noticed that parents follow their children to baseball games, football games, basketball games and to church affairs. Get the children and you will have the parents.

7. If the church has a church library increase the number of volumes. If you do not have one, start one. Your state Sunday school secretary will gladly aid you. Good books are an antidote for bad ones. The devil will see that plenty of the bad ones are available.

8. Organize a Brotherhood. We groan and complain at the waste of natural resources. But many of our churches are ignoring the unused man power in the church and no complaint is heard.

9. Have a better Sunday school and Training Union than in 1948. They teach and train the workers for tomorrow. They make the morning and evening congregations.

10. Stress tithing. A tithing church not only has money power but spiritual power.

11. Try to enlist every member of the church in some task. If you do not have enough jobs for everybody make some, for idle church members tend to create trouble. A pulling mule can't kick and a kicking mule can't pull.

12. At least once a year, preferably several times, have a shower for the pastor. This applies to the large as well as the small and medium sized churches. The pastor of the large church may not need it as much but he will appreciate it just as much.

13. Establish a mission in some needy or neglected place. We believe in all our mission program but are convinced that one of our greatest unused sources of enlargement is the organization of missions by churches. Our Home Board, our State Boards, our Associational missionaries are doing a good job but results could be increased many times over if every church would establish at least one mission. Don't wait for some outside worker to do it, do it yourself.

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Pearl River Lessons

All of Jackson as well as large numbers of people all over the state were shocked a few days ago by the news of the drowning of two teen age boys in the Pearl River on the eastern edge of Jackson.

For approximately 54 hours, hundreds of people, young and old white and black braved the dangers of high, swift and swirling waters and cold weather in searching for the bodies of the two drowned boys.

In addition to large numbers of local people, equipment and men came from Vicksburg, fifty miles away to aid in the search. Hundreds of Jacksonians lent equipment of various kinds. For all of this all of them are receiving well deserved praise.

There are many lessons that this tragedy teaches. Space forbids elaboration but two are well worthy of emphasis.

1. People were willing to risk great danger to try to locate the bodies of these two youths. Had it been necessary, there is little doubt that anyone within reach would have done the same thing. But we need to realize that there are thousands of other people in and around Jackson as well as all over Mississippi who are in need of help. The above-named brave searchers were trying to save the bodies of two boys. But all around us are many whose souls are in danger. Their souls are lost. They live in sin. They know not Jesus Christ as Savior. But we do not sacrifice much, if any time, or endure any sacrifices or privations to win them for Christ. Our plea elaboration but two are well is that we be as concerned for the souls of people as we are for the bodies of boys.

2. When found the body of Teddy Magruder was only ten feet from shore. News accounts state that it is probable that he would have made it to shore had he not become entangled in some underwater brush. There are hundreds of other young people who are going to sink, not in water, but in sin because of being caught in the underbrush of worldly allurements that infest our land. Many a young man or woman who is "almost persuaded" goes down under the enticing temptations of the world.

Were Pearl River infested with dangerous water animals, our citizens would make mighty efforts to overcome the danger. Various plans would be suggested. Great efforts would be expended. Large sums of money would be raised in order to make Pearl River a safe place for our young people. Let us be as anxious to save their souls from Satan as we would be to save them from river enemies.

If we are willing to risk great

dangers and expend much effort for the physical, let us, at least, do as much about the spiritual.

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Bible Society Day Is January 23

By action of the Baptist Convention Board January 23 has been designated as American Bible Society Day. Attention was called to this matter in the last issue and other about this important matter.

On Sunday January 23 all Mississippi Baptist churches will be given an opportunity to make a contribution to the work of the American Bible Society.

A few years ago churches were urged to take an offering at some time during the year. The results were not only disappointing but unworthy of MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS. By setting a definite time for this offering, more emphasis can be given to it and the response of the churches will be more general and more liberal.

Of course, any day a church might decide on would be acceptable, but past experience teaches that when all the churches are busy at a task on the same day greater results always follow.

Every church should have a part in this worthy work. We know of no organization that is more deserving of the united and generous support of Mississippi Baptists than the American Bible Society. It is equipped and experienced for doing a good job—that of publishing and distributing Bibles, Testaments and gospels.

Not only does the American Bible Society print and distribute millions of copies of the Bible, but it does it in such a way as to achieve remarkable results in every nation of the world. Untold thousands have been converted by reading some Bible or testament which was distributed by some American Bible Society colporter.

Every lover of the Lord and of the Word should have a share in this offering. Most of us cannot go to distant lands or even to out-of-the-way places in our own country to preach the Word, but we can help send the Word.

We urge every pastor, every Sunday School Superintendent, every W. M. U. President, every Brotherhood President, every Training Union President to see that his church takes an offering. Whether or not everyone gives, EVERYONE should be given an opportunity.

Offerings should be sent to Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi and marked "For the American Bible Society."

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary



MRS. KEITH C. VON HAGEN

Mrs. Keith C. Von Hagen Nashville, Tenn., will lead the Nursery conference at our State Sunday School Convention at Columbus, March 8-9.

Mrs. Von Hagen is superintendent of the Nursery work in her own church, and is one of the outstanding leaders of the South. Mississippi Nursery workers will surely take advantage of this treat that awaits them at Columbus, March 8-9.

CRADLE ROLL IN JANUARY

The special January Sunday school emphasis is Cradle Roll. The idea is to get a Cradle Roll in every church, and to enroll at least ten additional children during January.

Let's make an all-out effort this month for this important part of a great Sunday school program. The Sunday School Board has a free offer for every new Cradle Roll. Organize a department and get this free offer.

SPECIAL FOR JANUARY 23

Sunday, January 23, has been set by the Mississippi Baptist Convention as the day for an offering for The American Bible Society. This is the agency that distributes Bibles and portions of the Scripture in many lands.

We hope many churches will make this offering on January 23 for this very vital service.

RIDGECREST TIME AGAIN! ! !

My, how the time does fly! As the old lady said, "Tempus does fugit" It is now time to make those reservations for Ridgecrest for 1949. The registration fee this time is \$2.00.

The dates for the two regular Sunday School Weeks are June 23-29, and June 30-July 6. The special leadership week is August 11-17.

So, write for those reservations now. Send names and registration fees along. Write to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C.

BROADMAN COMMENTS AVAILABLE
BROADMAN COMMENTS, Sunday school lesson aids for 1949, larger than previous editions, written by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, one of the South's outstanding Bible scholars, is now ready and may be secured at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, for \$2.00. It is one of the best and we hope many teachers will get it.

GULFPORT FIRST ENLARGES

A new Intermediate building, caring for 175-200; a new three story educational building with 4 Nurseries, 2 Beginner and 3 Primary departments will soon be in use by the First Baptist Church, of Gulfport, Rev. Joe T. Odle, pastor. He adds: "The 2-year-olds are out of the kitchen."

Congratulations on these excellent enlargement plans!

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**American Bible Society
Offering, January 23**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING
UNION ATTENDANCE**

January 9, 1949

New Albany, First	556	169
Including Mission	581	198
Laurel, Second Avenue	469	160
Hattiesburg, Main Street	906	306
Crystal Springs	801	177
West Laurel	461	129
Jackson, Northside	477	187
Jackson, Emmanuel	130	
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	367	122
Jackson, Calvary	1340	279
Calvary Mission	33	19
Jackson, Davis Memorial	334	94
Jackson, Van Winkle	429	251
Byram (Hinds County)	131	109
Pleasant Valley (Simpson County)	156	130
Jackson, Elralne	125	88
Jackson, First	1409	454
Jackson, Parkway	773	249
Parkway Chapel	90	39
Eastside (Rankin County)	117	76
Brandon	124	48
Carmel (Lauderdale County)	76	46
Kreole, First	121	96
Carmel (Lawrence County)	109	92
Centreville	191	67
Foxworth	148	62
East Fork (Amite County)	97	52
Laurel, First	639	156
Zion Hill (Forrest County)	164	120
Rocky Creek (George County)	166	92
West Point, First	479	163
Lucedale	303	133
Oral (Forrest County)	93	69
Brookhaven, First	1188	343
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	102	98
Holly Springs	30	
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	103	105
Gulfport, First	650	144
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	53	51
Harmony (Tippah County)	128	61
McComb, Southside	223	49
Columbus, First	952	308
Friendship (Pike County)	161	72
Magnolia, First	312	125
Chalybeate	68	41
East Columbia	73	65
East Moss Point	189	72
Pascagoula, First	522	150
Admiral Schley Mission	72	49
Providence (Forrest County)	169	95
East McComb	477	244
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	84	75
Bruce	254	
Siloham (Simpson County)	88	
Beulah (Simpson County)	197	131
Corinth, Tate Street	273	79
Glenfield	57	53
Wallerville	111	90
O'Tuckolofa (Yalobusha County)	19	
Center (Union County)	139	56
West Corinth	174	103
Cross Roads (Webster County)	101	87
DeLay	55	51
New Zion (Copiah County)	73	82
South Laurel	91	58
Booneville, First	299	103
Ovelt	45	24
Sunday, January 2, 1949		
South Laurel	103	74
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	77	111

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

BOX 530 - - - PHONE 2-1600 - - - JACKSON
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

WHY THE BSU?

If the BSU is childish, if it is child's play, if it is superficial, if it is only to entertain and to keep college students busy and out of trouble, if it emphasizes itself instead of Christ and His church, if it fails to win lost college students to a saving knowledge of Christ, and if it fails to develop saved college students spiritually, leading them to grow into the likeness of Christ and enabling them to provide the Christian leadership in all walks of life which is sorely needed today, then we say the BSU is failing in its God-given mission and should be discontinued and replaced by some other program which can accomplish the task of claiming college students, our potential leadership, for Christ and for His church.

But, if the BSU is growing up, if it is mature, if it challenges college men and women, if it has spiritual depth and permanency, if it uplifts and exalts Christ and not itself, if it is winning lost college students to Christ, if it is leading students in developing spiritually, if it is so ministering to college students that they are graduating spiritually competent as well as mentally and physically competent to take their places of leadership in the world, then we say the BSU is altogether worthwhile and deserves the prayerful and financial support of every one of us.

Is the BSU doing these things?

Space does not permit a detailed affirmative answer to this question. A perusal of this column week by week will reveal to you what the BSU is doing in Mississippi. Ask any college pastor, especially in towns which have a student secretary, whether the BSU is doing its job.

Perhaps the best test of whether a movement is worthwhile is to see its products. Mississippi BSU has produced some outstanding Christian citizens. We would not say, of course, that the BSU is the only contributing influence to the Christian character of its former State Presidents: Merrill D. Moore, Promotional Secretary for Southern Baptists; W. L. Compere, Pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Jackson; Owen Cooper, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Chemical Corporation; W. O. Vaught, Jr., Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Leo Green, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.; D. M. Nelson, Jr., Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Lucy Carleton Wilds, now Mrs. A. W. Marston of Iron Mountain, Mich.; Hugh Brimm, Secretary of Social Service for Southern Baptists; Shelby Rogers, prominent attorney of Jackson; T. C. Clark, Jr., Director of Student Activities, A. P. I., Auburn, Ala.; Bill Watson, Educational Director, First Church, Louisville, and others.

Why the BSU? These "products" are reason enough, don't you think?

H. H. Ward Accepts Pastorate At Ecu

REV. H. H. WARD

Rev. H. H. Ward, Associational Missionary for Union county, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of Ecu church in Pontotoc county. The Ecu church has voted to support a fulltime program with the new pastor beginning his services on January 1.

The church has purchased a lot and material is being assembled to build a pastor's home.

Mr. Ward succeeds Rev. H. G. West who resigned a few months ago because of ill health. He had served the church for 20 years.

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The Sunday school is so organized as to form the most effective unit in the church to promote attendance upon the worship services. This does not except the influence of other organizations, but it will be generally conceded that the Sunday school touches and brings more people into the worship services than perhaps any other. . . H. H. Hobbs in *The Sunday School Builder*.

Magee Almost Triples Budget for 1949

Pastor J. B. Smith has been at Magee 13 months. During that time the church remodeled the front of the auditorium, bought and are now using a custom built pipe organ — all paid for the past year.

The budget for 1948 was \$10,000, but the church has adopted a budget for 1949 of \$27,100.00. The church recently voted to employ a Promotional Secretary. All church books are being moved to the church where all records will be kept.

Plans are being made, when space can be found, for a good Church Library. Funds are received every week for the erection of a new auditorium, with the idea of converting the present building into an Educational building.

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Washington County Pastors Write Enforcement Officers

The Judge of Circuit Court:
The District Attorney:
The Foremen of the Grand Jury:
Gentlemen:

Because of the open operation of slot machines in Washington County, which is in violation of the law, the Baptist Pastors of Washington County in regular business session, January 3rd at Hollandale, voted unanimously that you be respectfully requested to take steps that will lead to the correction of this open lawlessness and also that steps be taken to check the sale of hard liquors.

Believing that this letter expresses the opinion of many law abiding citizens, we are sending copies to the Delta Democratic Times, The Leland Progress and the Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully Submitted,
HOMER W. ROBERTSON, Pres.,
HAROLD DOUGLAS, Sec.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

W. M. U. STATE MISSION WEEK OF

PRAYER RECEIPTS

September — December 1948

(Continued from last week)

GREENE CO.

Leaksville	35.50
Mc Lain	14.75
Pine Level	10.00
Sand Hill	5.00
Unity	3.50

GRENADA CO.

Grenada First	\$80.63
Holcomb	8.70

GULF COAST

Biloxi, Second	10.00
Biloxi-First	172.99
Bay St. Louis	9.50
Fernwood-Bowen Memorial	18.31
Gulfport-Eastside	10.50
Gulfport-First	349.59
Gulfport-Grace Memorial	43.25
Gulfport-West	10.00
Handsboro	19.52
Logtown	16.05
Long Beach	14.75
Lyman	8.50
New Hope	7.60
Pass Christian	21.50
Sharon	5.00
Woll Market	7.75
Bethesda	32.97
Byram	25.00
Clinton	270.35
Daniel	20.90
Edwards	22.00
Jackson-Alta Woods	10.00
Jackson-Calvary	847.29
Jackson-Davis Memorial	38.70
Jackson-First	1782.07
Jackson-Griffith Memorial	81.27
Jackson-Northside	138.05
Jackson-Parkway	120.22
Jackson-Southside	40.50
Jackson-West	6.00
Leavell Woods	14.40
Midway	11.25
New Haven	6.85
Pocahontas	66.25
Waymond	121.00
Salem	7.00
Siwell	15.23
Terry	80.00
Utica	52.00
Van Winkle	59.02

HOLMES CO.

Beulah	2.00
Cruger	20.00
Durant	72.80
Goodman	19.00
Lexington	55.20
Pickens	90.60
Tchula	56.05

JACKSON CO.

Escatawpa	3.50
Friendship	6.00
Kreole	19.75
Moss Point-First	349.27
Moss Points-East	26.65
Ocean Springs	58.00
Pascagoula, Eastside	2.00
Pascagoula-First	186.63
VanCleave	7.50

JASPER CO.

Bay Springs	215.42
Edon	9.05
Fellowship	18.50
Heidelberg	20.20
Louin	14.00
Montrose	26.00
New Fellowship	21.50
Pine Grove	21.50
Shady Grove	37.00
Stringer	7.60

JEFF DAVIS CO.

Antioch	14.35
Bassfield	58.10
Bethany	20.25
Carson	23.00
Ebenezer	19.90
Hathorn	12.50
Hebron-Old	16.00
Hephzibah	15.00

Oak Grove	32.65
Phalti	20.00
Prentiss	255.56
Society Hill	60.00
White Sand	93.97

JONES CO.

Bethlehem	5.00
Calvary	10.00
Eastview-Mt. Oral	35.30
Ellisville	35.00
Glade	7.25
Harmony	12.00
Hebron	6.43
Indian Springs	4.25
Laurel-Beacon	36.80
Laurel-First	651.25
Laurel, South	2.00
Laurel-West	35.64
Moselle Memorial	4.00
Myrick-Beulah	5.25
Overt	16.38
Pecan Grove	3.00
Pine Grove	15.00
Sandersville	20.25
Sharon	28.15
Soso	11.13
Summerland	25.30
Tuckera Crossing	9.50

KEMPER CO.

Blackwater	23.10
De Kalb	35.00
Scobba	18.75

LAFAYETTE CO.

Abbeville	10.00
Oxford-First	167.51
Yellow Leaf	46.00

LAUDERDALE CO.

Bethany	10.00
Causeyville	10.00
Daleville	12.00
Kewanee	37.85
Long Creek	37.85
Macedonia	15.00
Long Creek	12.59
Meridian-Eighth Ave.	20.75
Meridian-First	450.09
Meridian-Fifteenth Ave.	218.57
Meridian-Highland	171.79
Meridian-Oakland Heights	41.24
Meridian-Poplar Springs	56.20
Meridian-Southside	94.21
Marion	20.50
Midway	46.70
Mt. Olive	6.50
New Hope	20.20
Oak Grove	23.34
Russell	36.85
Toomsaba	16.65
Antioch	12.05

LAWRENCE CO.

Antich	12.05
Calvary	90.92
Carmel	46.00
Crooked Creek	9.50
Jayess	10.00
Monticello	98.20
New Hebron	132.00
Wanilla	5.10

LEAKE CO.

Carthage	200.00
Freem	13.00
Lena-Friendship	65.35
Thomastown	10.65
Tuscola	31.57
Walnut Grove	31.25

(Continued next Week)

SEVEN WIDOWS (\$3.50) by Russ Whitney and published by the Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass., is a colorful story of the middle West. The unwavering spirit, courage and unselfishness of Anna Strauss, who with her two young sons faced life's hardships alone and then watched special honors conferred upon them as men, pays a beautiful tribute to the early pioneer women of the Middle West. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

American Bible Society
Offering, January 23

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

Brotherhoods in the State Progress

On a recent tour which carried the Brotherhood Secretary into practically every area of the State, many encouraging indications were observed. Among the observations most pronounced was that church leaders are studying the Brotherhood and giving it prestige comparable in a measure to the older established departments of the church. Such words as "clinics", "executive committee meetings," "brotherhood study courses," "officers meetings," and such slogans as "Every Baptist a Tither" are becoming everyday terms in Brotherhood circles. Pastors are using much more time explaining the duties of the officers and committee chairmen and seeing that the Brotherhood is properly organized. Much more is being made of the Executive Committee meeting of the Brotherhood each month which makes for a more closely integrated over all program.

Another observation of the Brotherhood Secretary was that a larger number of Brotherhoods are definitely adopting "objectives or "projects." The Activities Vice-Presidents are making their report at each Brotherhood meeting. More and more the Brotherhood is emphasizing practical work instead of just a big meeting with lots to eat.

Another observation is that the programs conducted by the Brotherhoods are using the Brotherhood Journal. It has often been the case that a special speaker was featured every brotherhood meeting with very few if any of the men participating in the program. Now many are carrying on their program in the way that is recommended by the Brotherhood Department as assigning parts to the men from the Brotherhood Journal and giving them full leeway to elaborate further on the given subject.

Much to the delight of the Brotherhood Secretary reports are coming in from Brotherhoods never heard of before. These reports enable the Brotherhood Secretary to arrange his various tours so to be where most needed. It also gives access to names and addresses to whom he can send the appropriate literature.

A further observation is that the associations are becoming more highly organized in that a full corps of officers are now functioning. Such committees as the advisory committee has never been used in the associational organization. Now this committee is functioning in a number of associations very effectively. The sum total of the whole matter is that 1949 will be the greatest brotherhood year in the history of the State of Mississippi.

Open Letter to Mississippi Baptists

Dear Fellow Baptists:

It is with a great deal of pleasure I summon you to a grand opportunity. I would challenge you to be more than ordinary. The times demand it, opportunity requires it, God expects it.

The program outlined for Mississippi Woman's College in 1946 had four stages:

1. The complete renovation of the school property.
2. Reorganization and enrollment of a student body.
3. Completion of the endowment to the required minimum, \$500,000.
4. Enlargement of the plant to house a student body large enough to guarantee successful operation.

The first two stages are now complete, the buildings are unsurpassed in beauty, we have a top ranking faculty, a fine student body, and are in our second year of active operations.

The third phase is now in order, namely, the endowment must now be provided.

The State Convention last November voted unanimously that Mississippi Woman's College be given the field in 1949 to complete the endowment. We are now organizing to promote the campaign. This is a summons to every Mississippi Baptist to make ready and rally to the cause that we may gloriously complete the third phase.

Every convention vote concerning Mississippi Woman's College for the past three years has been unanimous. Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is unity. Forever Pentecost examples the divine method in victory, "They were all of one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." A great and historic victory was the result.

If all the Baptists of Mississippi would stand together of one mind, complete victory would be ours in a single day.

On the great Gulf Coast with more than two million people, Mississippi Woman's College is the only Christian school other than Catholic. The school has a great history, a strategic location, a grand opportunity. What a day and place for great things. Let us rise up and match the hour with the means required to achieve great ends.

The world is on fire, chaos spreads because of the winds of rebellion. May the winds of God blow. We mouth great words against the zeal and enthusiasm of unbelief, and our lukewarm and faint hearts are without great victories for our cause. Pious phrases against the dark designs behind the iron curtain are futile unless we kindle a flame and raise the torch on our side of the screen. The hordes of unbelief march in China when the victory might have been God's. How long shall it be before we send an army qualified with equal zeal to fight the battles of the Lord.

It would be a grand thing for Baptists just once to march together to do a big thing in one day. This is to challenge you. There will be other announcements to guide our thinking and acting against the day of complete victory. Stand by!

Sincerely yours in our Master's name,
I. E. Rouse, President
MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Amber J. Wilds, State Secretary --- Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

Human Interest Stories From the Mission Fields Told By The Adults

The Training Union Department is sponsoring a contest for Adults as a part of our convention programs. This feature will be Human Interest Stories From the Mission Fields told by members of our Adult unions. The stories may be from any mission field, preferably from our own Southern Baptist Territory. They will be limited to seven minutes each.

It is permissible to obtain a story from any source. It may be a story you have heard a missionary tell. Stories may be gathered from mission magazines, books or tracts. The story should not be the life of a missionary, but rather the result of a missionary work in the life of some native. The only rule we are making is that they must be true stories.

This contest will be promoted as are all the other contests. Each church will select their best story teller and send their representative to the associational elimination contest. The winner in the Associational Contest will go to the District contest. The one selected at the District Convention will be asked to be on our State Convention program.

Nothing is more interesting than a good story, and mission stories rate among the best. We are looking forward with keen interest to hearing a large number of adults in this special part of our program.

The Young People's Speaking Tournament

This year in our Better Speaking Tournament for the Young People, the general plan is for each church to enlist as many of the young people (17-24 inclusive) as they can, select the best speaker and let this one represent the church at the Associational Elimination Contest. The winner there will represent the association in the District Convention, and the winner in the District Convention will speak at the State Training Union Convention. The winner there will be eligible to represent Mississippi at the Southwide Speakers' Tournament, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Blue Mountain College offers a \$100.00 scholarship to the girl who makes the highest score among the girls, and Mississippi College offers a \$100.00 scholarship to the boy making the highest score among the boys in the State Speakers' Tournament held at the State Training Union Convention.

Each speaker must choose the subject of his speech from the following list: "Found Faithful;" "God's Law of Reaping;" "Living for Jesus;" "What Is Loyalty to Christ?" "Faithful to the Bible;" "Making Our Home Life Attractive;" "Fidelity in Our Home Life;" "Faithful to Our Country;" "Faithful in Life's Friendships;" "Faithful in Soul-winning;" "God Requires Faithfulness;" "How to Achieve Greatness;" "Am I Prejudiced?" "Seeing the World Through the Eyes of Christ;" "Democracy and Christian Education;" "I Believe in Total Abstinence;" "Am I Loyal to My Church?"

MUSIC EMPHASIS

It is time to begin work with the ensembles for the Music Festivals that are to come. The program for the ensembles and hymn playing festivals is available at the State Training

Union Office, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

It is time to begin work on the hymns to be played at the Hymn Playing Festivals. Materials regarding the hymn playing festivals are available. Write for information to Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Each church will be eligible to have one ensemble, and two hymn players, one junior, and one intermediate. The first festival will be in the Training Union Association. The second will be held at the District Training Union Convention, and the third festival will be held at the State Training Union Convention next December.

Notice, there will not be a contest, but each ensemble and hymn player will be rated. There will be no elimination, but each participant will progress from one festival to the next.

Certainly, there will be a great opportunity in this great program. It is hoped that every church will plan to take part in this program. Certainly, every church music program will be made better by such participation, so, start planning now. Join with your ensembles and hymn players, and meet us at the festivals.

It should be noted that rules and regulations governing the festivals will be on the Music Emphasis Sheet from the Training Union Department, and all previous materials will be disregarded.

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Shown above is the sign located in front of Bethany Church just beyond the city limits of Prentiss in Jefferson Davis County. The sign is attractive and well located near the road where every passerby can see it. Every Baptist church in Mississippi should have a sign so that strangers passing by can see.

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Biblical evangelism, in the broad sense of winning to Christ, which includes service as well as salvation, embraces all of the organizations and activities of the church. Redemption is saving as well as seeking. A spirit of evangelism should characterize the morning worship hour as well as the evening hour. It should be the very heart of the Sunday school and Training Union Programs. Teaching, worship, and training are not activities that can be divorced from evangelism. The truth of the matter is, teaching, worship, and training cannot be Christian unless they are evangelistic. . . W. Boyd Hunt in The Teacher.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
Box 530 --- Phone 3-9106 --- Jackson
MRS. W. S. MANSKER, Office Secretary

According to the United States government's official report for 1947, the people of the United States spent that year \$9,600,000,000 for strong drink. This is more than \$9.00 for every minute since Jesus came into the world. Think what this amount would do used in other channels. The Civic Bulletin, Albany, N. Y., breaks it down as follows. It shows the things this money would pay for:

1000 Apartment Buildings	\$1,000,000,000
10 Great Universities	500,000,000
10 Fifty million dollar endowments for each of the above universities	500,000,000
50 Airports	500,000,000
12 Scientific Research Buildings	350,000,000
100 Hospitals	250,000,000
100 Hospital Endowments	250,000,000
600 New School Buildings	400,000,000
10 Hospitals in large cities, costing 10 million each	100,000,000
10 Million dollar endowments for each of the above Hospitals	100,000,000
10 Civic Centers	100,000,000
10 Civic Center Endowments at ten million dollars each	100,000,000
600 New churches	150,000,000
10 Medical Centers	50,000,000
25 Medical Centers in smaller cities, at two million each	50,000,000
10 Great Libraries in large cities at 5 million each	50,000,000
25 Libraries	50,000,000
38 Playgrounds	50,000,000
75 Bath Houses and Swimming Pools, in large cities	50,000,000

Total \$4,600,000,000
But all the above would cost only \$4,600,000,000, less than one half the amount of the American liquor bill!

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- January 17 — James McCrary, Riverside Association Training Union Director; Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson, State WMU Executive Secretary.
January 18 — Mrs. J. M. Deaton, house mother, Baptist Orphanage; E. D. Elliott, Greenville, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee.
January 19 — W. Z. Huggins, Sunday School Superintendent, Clarke Association; Wilfred Lee, Leland, Education Commission.
January 20 — G. O. Parker, Convention Board member, Leake County; Theo. Holmes, State Brotherhood President.
January 21 — Dr. J. Troy Robinson, Millsaps BSU Faculty Advisor, Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain College.
January 22 — E. G. Murrell, McComb, Baptist Foundation trustee; Rev. Gordon Sansing, State Training Union Convention President.
January 23 — Paul D. Boothe, Associate Sunday School Secretary, Baptist Building; Chester Moulder, Covington County Convention Board member.

What might be done with the remaining \$5,000,000,000? Suppose it should be devoted to paying pensions to all persons past 70 years of age. It would make possible the paying of \$50 per month for 10 years to a million persons over 70 years of age, as long as most of them would live, 100,000 of them in New York State. That would bring hope and cheer to many anxious persons facing the sunset years of life.

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Dr. Hodge On Biloxi Radio

Beginning on Saturday, January 3, and continuing every Saturday thereafter, Dr. G. C. Hodge, pastor First Baptist Church of Biloxi, will give his exposition of the Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday over station WLOX at 11:00 A. M. This is made possible through the courtesy of deacon F. L. Allen of First Baptist Church.

The officers and teachers of First Baptist Sunday School have supper at the church every Wednesday at 6:30 P. M. after which Dr. Hodge teaches the lesson for the following Sunday to the officers and teachers of the Young People and Adult Departments. The others, who use Graded Lessons, retire to their own departmental meetings. At 7:30 they adjourn to the auditorium for the Mid-week prayer and praise service.

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LOUISIANA OBSERVES "WILL-MAKING WEEK"

ALEXANDRIA, La. —(BP)— Louisiana Baptists have decreed January 9-16 as "will-making week."

Dr. Herschel C. Pettus, director-treasurer of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, urged that "every adult Baptist should make a will and include our Baptist work in it. It is just as important to provide for the wise use of our possessions after we die as it is to use them wisely while we live."

Only four out of ten property-owners leave wills, and 80 per cent of these wills are broken due to faulty preparation. Then 92 per cent of American property owners leave their possessions to the mercy of the courts. This should not be true among Christians.

He urged that persons already having wills should have the wills reviewed by a lawyer and brought up to date.

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Heaven is a real place where the redeemed are to live and move and have their own identity and individuality. Jesus compared and contrasted earth and heaven when he said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. . . Austin Crouch in The Sunday School Builder.

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ASSOCIATIONAL MODERATORS AND CLERKS

This year as a new service we listed in the Convention Annual names and addresses of the Associational Moderators and Clerks. We are happy to reproduce the list below. This information came to us directly from the associations. Mistakes will be gladly corrected. The moderators and clerks will meet in annual session at the Baptist Building, February 22. The session will begin between 9:00 and 10:00 a. m.

ASSOCIATIONAL MODERATORS — 1949

Association	Moderator's Name	Address
Adams-Franklin	Rev. B. T. Bishop	Meadville, Miss.
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Zion	Rev. J. W. Hicks	

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Clay	Mrs. Wanda Harris	c/o Department of Public Welfare, Columbus, Miss.
Columbus	Mr. O. P. Breland	

Hughes Licensed To Preach



Robert Andrew Hughes was licensed to preach by the Eden Church, Jasper County, in September, 1948, and is now a student at Clarke College.

Robert Andrew is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Hughes of Loulin. His grandfather, Rev. A. J. Hughes, Braxton, who is now retired, also served as a Baptist preacher.

MRS. LOUISA CARLISLE LEWIS
(Who Died December 3, 1948)

There's a vacant place in our homes
Our eyes are filled with tears
Since from us has gone
Our mother, we loved so dear.

She was so precious to us
We can not understand
But in God she did trust
So He's taken her to that beautiful land.

Mother, dear, we will always miss you,
A voice so tender and sweet
But some day up in Heaven
We pray, that we all shall meet.
By Her Children — Paid.

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Adjacent Churches To Hear
Chester Swor SundayEvening Services Designated
Reception Follows Service

At 3:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, January 16, the opening day of the revival at the Van Winkle Church, Dr. Chester Swor, who is leading in the revival will speak to members of Jackson churches and churches of surrounding territories in the Van Winkle auditorium. Members of all neighboring churches are invited and urged to attend.

Immediately following the afternoon service a reception will be held by the Van Winkle church honoring Dr. Swor.

All are invited to attend any services during the "Christian Life Week," which continues through Friday, January 21. Monday night is especially designated as Visitors' night; Tuesday night, as Parents' night; Wednesday night, Youth night; Thursday night, as Family night, and Friday night as Leadership night. On each night the group designated will be recognized.

Evening services begin at 7:30; morning services, at 7:00.

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GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

LOUIN

While awaiting the coming of the new pastor, Rev. C. J. Hughes, we supplied at Louin. The people go to church at Louin. The church was filled on Sunday morning and almost as many were present Sunday night.

Although pastorless since November the church has carried on as if a pastor was on the job.

We were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gardner. Mr. Gardner is the Jasper County Convention Board member.

Jasper County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bay Springs, 92; Decatur, 13; Eden, 38; Fellowship, 31; Heidelberg, 70; Louin, 88; Montrose, 27; Mossville, 23; New Fellowship, 26; Pine Grove, 23; Seminary, 2; Shady Grove, 37; Stringer, 7; Pleasant Grove,

REMEMBERS OLD HOME CHURCH

Some people forget the old home community when they move away and make a success. Not so with J. H. Oliver of Grenada. A few days ago he sent a check for \$44 and a list of 44 families of the Carson Ridge Church in Attala County.

Mr. Oliver stated that Carson Ridge was his old home church and that he was sending the members The Baptist Record, hoping that they would read it and be better informed Christians.

Other Baptist Record subscribers in Attala County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 15; Bear Creek, 1; Bera, 35; Bowlin, 19; Carson Ridge, 46; County Line, 46; Ethel, 33; Hurricane, 10; Jerusalem, 1; Kosciusko, First, 266; Kosciusko, Second, 26; McAdams, 86; McCool, 3; New Salem, 2; Pilgrim's Rest, 10; Pleasant Ridge, 17; Sallis, 5; Sand Hill, 1; Springdale, 1; Unity, 40; Williamsville, 54; Yockahockany, 9.

CALVARY, CALHOUN, ADDS 10

Evidently Calvary Church in Calhoun County near Bruce is growing for recently they not only sent in a renewed EVERY FAMILY list, but added ten new names. If all churches would do as this church has done, the circulation worries of the Baptist Record would be at an end.

Record readers in Calhoun County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 60; Antioch (Lafayette), 12; Banner, 26; Bethany, 79; Bethel, 46; Big Creek, 2; Bruce, 171; Calhoun City, First, 165; Calhoun City, Second, 64; Calvary, 33; Derma, 58; Duncan Hill, 13; Ellard, 30; Gaston Springs, 2; Macedonia, 1; Meridian, 12; Midway, 1; Mt. Moriah, 2; Mt. Tabor, 18; New Hope, 24; New Liberty, 5; New Providence, 4; Oak Grove, 4; Old Town, 36; Parker, 2; Pittsboro, 25; Pleasant Ridge, 16; Providence, 7; Rocky Mountain, 1; Sabougla, 34; Shiloh, 3; Spring Creek, 1; Spring Hill, 5; Vardaman, 16; Bradford Chapel, 23; Turkey Creek, 1.

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GREENVILLE, S. C., JAN. 12 — Furman University will observe its 123rd Founders' Day on January 17.

Special Committee on Foreign Missions Conference Reports

The Foreign Mission Conference of North America held its annual meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania from January 4-7. The major work of this Conference is done by bringing together those responsible for overseas administration in the various mission boards to consult on common problems and to provide such facts as will make most effective the work of each.

By its constitution, the Foreign Missions Conference recognizes the complete autonomy of all its member boards, leaving each Board to determine the extent of its own participation and cooperative policies. It is not a part of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, being a separate entity, both by its constitution and in its practice. This principle has been true for more than the 55 years of its existence. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was one of the constituting members in the formation of the Foreign Missions Conference and has found its membership most helpful.

At this annual session there was a proposal to take action upon a motion — here we quote — "that the Foreign Missions Conference of North America agrees to become one of the constituting agencies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and to become the Division of Foreign Missions thereof, in accordance with the revised edition of the constitution of the National Council, dated April 25, 1944."

After a lengthy, but always fraternal discussion and by signed ballot of those authorized by their various boards to vote, the motion was overwhelmingly defeated, which in essence means that the Foreign Missions Conference continues as it is, namely — an entirely autonomous body, definitely separate from the Federal Council of Churches on Christ in the U. S. A.

In addition to Doctors Rankin, Gill and Sadler, a special committee appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, consisting of the undersigned, was present and all of these, including the three secretaries above named, voted against the motion to enter the National Council of Churches. Dr. Rankin, speaking against the motion, made a plain and straight forward statement — which was reinforced by Dr. Sadler — that if the motion carried, the Foreign Mission Board would automatically be eliminated from membership.

Having thus stated the result of this epochal action, your Committee would register its findings concerning the relation of our Board to the Foreign Missions Conference.

After careful study, the Committee finds nothing in our Board's membership in the Foreign Missions Conference, which in any way compromises either the position of the Southern Baptist Convention or the actions taken by our Convention with reference to the World Council of Churches and other similar union organizations. Nor does the membership commit the Foreign Mission Board to actions, public statements or press releases by the Foreign Missions Conference.

2. On the contrary, we find that membership in the Foreign Missions Conference yields many distinct advantages. It offers a valuable pool of information regarding the conditions on the Mission fields and approaches to problems common to all missionary undertakings; it offers, also, specific services

which would be difficult if not impossible for any single Board to provide; and it offers the inspiration drawn from the wider fellowship of God's children in preaching the gospel throughout the world.

3. We find that the financial contributions from the Foreign Mission Board to the Foreign Missions Conference are quite reasonable and wholly justified in light of the services rendered to the Foreign Mission Board. Our Board takes no part in any project of union mission work and provides no funds for such projects. And further, the Committee found no disposition on the part of the Foreign Missions Conference to interfere in any way with the autonomous work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

R. B. JONES
C. E. HEREFORD
R. KELLEY WHITE
RALPH A. HERRING
J. W. STOREY, CHAIRMAN
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ZION HILL REPORTS RECENT EVENTS

Activities Calendar Listed

Since Loyd Shelton became pastor of the Zion Hill Church, Forrest County, in July, 1948, many things have been accomplished.

A water system has been purchased and installed for the church. The old church has been torn away and a beautiful structure with all modern conveniences will soon stand in its place. The building is being erected by contract and thus far no indebtedness has been incurred. The program began with \$1,650 in the treasury, and now \$5,000 worth of work has been completed and paid for and the next contract took effect January 10.

On Saturday night, November 27,

an all night prayer service was held in connection with Building Fund Day. Rev. T. J. Messer, brought the inspirational address, and the people continued in prayer until ten o'clock on Sunday morning. At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service cash and pledges totalling \$2,000 were laid on the altar for the Building Fund.

There have been 35 additions to the church.

During the first week of December, the congregation surprised the pastor and his family with hundreds of cans of food, an abundance of groceries, cash, and tickets for gasoline for the pastor's car. On December 19, Howard Gay, chairman of the Deacons, presented the pastor with a \$75 check from the church as a Christian gift.

At the New Year's Eve service, 168 members enjoyed a supper and fellowship, followed by a challenging message by Rev. W. L. Yeatman, pastor of the Cartersville Church.

A Youth Revival is scheduled for April 15-17, in which three Mississippi College Students will lead. The summer revival will be held July 10-15, and beginning Oct 31, the church will cooperate in an Associational Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign.

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BIBLE STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS (\$1.95) by Theodore W. Engstrom and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a book of 70 Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments, written especially for children from five to ten and printed in type suitable to their reading. This volume, well-illustrated in full color pictures, is faithful to the Word of God. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Prepared by Brucey Campbell
Lesson for January 16

THE BOYHOOD AND YOUTH OF JESUS. Bible Texts: Matthew 2:13-15; 19:23; Mark 6:3; Luke 2:39-52.

I. Into Egypt and Out of Egypt.

How came He into Egypt? Joseph conveyed Him there in obedience to the command of the Lord. Could not God the Father have protected His only begotten against Herod? Of course, He not only could, but did. God just sent His Son out of harm's way. Oh, but could not God have protected His Son right there in Judea? Yes, of course, but the way He chose was the best way. How do I know that? By the fact that God chose it.

It was not best for the baby Jesus to live in Bethlehem while He was a wee baby. Certain places are not best for babies, and frequently this is true because of the people who live there or thereabout. Maybe God is saying to all parents of all places and all times, "It is far better that you move than that you keep your little ones in a place of danger to them." If the environment is of an evil character, change it or get out of it.

You may just put it down in red that there are forces in the world that strive for the ruin of the children, and wise are the parents who recognize this fact and protect their children at however so great a cost. Even the great God did this, and He did it because His Son was worth protecting. But you—do you place upon yours an estimate so high that you think them worth protecting?

"Out of Egypt did I call my Son," and so in this event, was there the hand of God doing a second and far more glorious thing than, when in a first fulfillment of this prophecy, He called the Children of Israel out of Egypt by Moses. God called the baby out of Egypt, yea, and the important matter here is that God had care for the wee Son. Of course, the baby was His Son! Yea, but every baby is of concern to Him. When grown to manhood this Son began to teach. He said that the little children were the special objects of the Father's care, because the Kingdom of God was made up of people of the childlike spirit.

Herod would kill the baby Jesus that the Kingdom of this world might endure; God saved the baby Jesus alive that through Him the kingdom of the world might become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

II. Called a Nazarene.

Why? There's where He lived, in Nazareth—Nazareth of Galilee, a small provincial village, the very name of which is said in all likelihood to be derived from a Hebrew word which means a "sprout" an insignificant something. The town lies a bit more than eighty miles north of Jerusalem, a short distance north of the edge of the great plain of Esdraelon, its site being some 300 to 350 feet above the plain in a depression surrounded by white rocks, hot sands and an aspect almost entirely barren.

The village was of no great importance in the life of the Roman nation, and He who took His name from the city was reckoned of slight importance to the world of His day and was therefore the more appropriately called Nazarene, "sprout," "slight," "unimportant."

So Jesus grew up in the provincial village of Nazareth, a town which held slight importance for the world, but a town which nevertheless had its good points: It was in a retired situation where its people had a chance, at least, for reflection, for the thought of God, for the nurture of the soul. We may be very sure that the boy Jesus improved His chance to become better acquainted with God, with His neighbors, with his work and world.

AN ALLEGORY

Editor's note: We reproduce below the letter that accompanied this article. It explains why the author's name is not used.)

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

You have done a marvelous work with the Baptist Record. Your appeals for adequate salaries for our pastors have been many and very timely. I thank you for every one of them.

I want to help the cause all I can, but since I am a pastor my name can not be attached to this "Allegory." I hope you will publish it.

Fraternally yours,

Farmer Brown had a two thousand acre plantation of fertile soil which, with the right kind of cultivation, would pay him large dividends.

Mr. Brown employed Mr. Adequate to superintend his plantation, and paid him \$2,500 a year. Mr. Adequate knew the farming game and kept everything in order, kept all the buildings well repaired, and everybody stayed in a good humor with each man doing his part. The right kind of fertilizer was used on each type of soil, and the maximum production accomplished.

Mr. Adequate made a success of the plantation. In five years Mr. Brown had paid all expenses and had \$25,000 in the bank.

But certain members of the Brown family persuaded Mr. Brown that he was paying Mr. Adequate too much; hence, he fired him and hired Mr. Deficient at \$2,000 a year. Under his supervision the income of the farm paid the expenses exactly for five years and the Brown family had to exhaust all the savings of the other five years, in order to keep up appearances. The buildings all fell into bad repair, the workmen were unhappy and the soil was depleted. Mr. Brown knew the cause of the change of affairs but the other members of

III. The Child Grew.

Just as any other normal child. He sported and romped and played with the other boys and girls of His native town, and grew apace as the days sped, and waxed in boyish strength and enjoyed the grace of God. It is said of Him that He "Advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." That is: He grew intellectually, physically, spiritually and socially.

IV. In His Father's House.

He had reached the age of twelve and had gone to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the passover. His company, the company in which his parents had gone to the city, started on the return to Nazareth. Jesus had no doubt been with them on the evening before when they had discussed the matter of their return home and had no doubt heard them say that they would start the following morning. But He got to thinking of the temple and the wise men who resorted hither and of a few questions He would love to have answered, so that He became rapt in the contemplation of the Father and the Father's house. He could forget everything else as He yielded Himself to the same master thought of the Father.

V. Misunderstood at Home.

He went back home to preach and His neighbors would not listen. They thought they knew all about Him. They knew His father and mother. His brothers and sisters. Ah! Shucks! This boy of the same village, this worker with His hands, this chap who had grown up in the home of a carpenter and had Himself become the village carpenter, how could He teach, not having had opportunity to learn anything to teach? So He left His boyhood home and went among strangers, thus leaving His home town, she not knowing the day of her visitation.

M. C. BSU SPONSORS VOCATIONAL EMPHASIS

Vocational Emphasis Week is now in progress at Mississippi College. The speakers for the week include Rev. Nolan Kennedy, Clinton; Rev. S. R. Woodson, Columbus; W. F. Bond, Commissioner State Department of Public Welfare, Jackson; P. E. Cunningham, Senior Engineer U. S. Engineers of Mississippi, Vicksburg; Rev. G. Avery Lee, Ruston, La.

Messages from these outstanding speakers, testimonies given in Noon-day Prayer meeting by students who have already chosen their vocation, and testimonies of local businessmen in the midweek prayer service should cause each student to realize the truth of the theme for the week: "GOD HAS SOMETHING GREAT FOR YOU."

The week is planned to help each student in the selection of and preparation for his chosen field of work, to lead students to see the needs of their fellow men and to make life the greatest possible service, and to lead each student to a genuine dedication of his life to the will of God.

Bob Gwin of Chattahoochee, Florida, Dorothy of Portland, Tennessee, Joe Cooper of Oakland, Mississippi, and many other students have worked diligently in preparation of the week's program.

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his family never suspected that the Brown family lost money by paying less money to the wrong superintendent.

Those who have ears to hear let them hear and understand.

Silver Springs Church employe Rev. Stephahead as pastor. He stepped ahead of the other churches of his association. He pumped every artery of his church full of "go ahead" blood. He broke all records of preceding years. His methods seemed to coincide perfectly with the aspirations of the membership. Marvels were accomplished in spiritual growth and financial achievements.

But Brother "Hold-the-line" thought that Rev. Stephahead was getting too much salary, and so he insisted that the church call Rev. Knocking-along at a reduced salary. Now Silver Springs is just knocking along and losing momentum all the time.

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES

We are happy to present below a list of associational missionaries according to the files in the Convention Board Office. We will be happy to make any corrections if you will notify us of them.

The list follows:

Bolivar County — Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Merigold, Mississippi.
Calhoun — Rev. C. A. Savell, Calhoun City, Mississippi.
Deer Creek — Rev. Harold Douglas, Hollandale, Mississippi.
Gulf Coast — Rev. O. B. Anderson, Long Beach, Mississippi.
Jackson — Rev. Wallace Harrell, 1002 - 12th Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi.
Jones — Rev. J. T. Renfro, 1 Woodlawn Drive, Laurel, Mississippi.
Marshall-Lafayette — Rev. Glen Crawford, Holly Springs, Mississippi.
Mississippi — Rev. Sam W. Waggner, Centerville, Mississippi.
Neshoba — Rev. Kenneth Hall, Philadelphia, Mississippi.
Newton — Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton, Mississippi.
Panola - Yalobusha — Rev. J. W. Oliver, Courtland, Mississippi.
Pearl River — Rev. Donald A. Bennett, Carriere, Mississippi.
Pontotoc — Rev. R. B. Patterson, Pontotoc, Mississippi.
Prentiss — Rev. John B. Laney, Booneville, Mississippi.
Tishomingo — Rev. E. E. Neill, Iuka, Mississippi.
Warren — Rev. Phil J. Walker, 1520 Cherry St., Vicksburg, Mississippi.
Winston — Rev. Norris G. Hickman, Louisville, Mississippi.

40 & 25 Years Ago

BY J. L. BOYD SR.
40 YEARS AGO

Rev. E. T. Moberly reports 75 additions to the membership of the Booneville church during the past year, a pastor's home has been built and the church moved up to three Sundays.

Rev. A. H. Miller, student at Mississippi College, has been called to the pastorate of the Bowling Green church.

Pastor Bryan Simmons of Brandon writes an article in favor of a "Veteran Preacher's Home" for the worn-out preachers of Mississippi.

25 YEARS AGO

Students Norman Roberts of Mississippi College was recently ordained by the Clinton church having been called to the Lambert, Darling and Belan churches in the Delta.

Evangelist E. D. Solomon, Mississippian, has been elected as Secretary of the Baptist Mission Board of Louisiana.

Pastor D. A. McCall of the Lyon-Jonestown-Coahoma church field distributes a card to each member each week to be filled out and graded on the religious life and work of the recipient relative to Bible reading, reading the Baptist Record, attendance on all church and auxiliary meetings, studying the Sunday school lesson etc. The card after being graded is returned to the pastor. On the other side of the card is an illustrated half-minute sermon.

FOXWORTH DEDICATES NEW EDUCATIONAL

The Foxworth Church recently dedicated the newly constructed educational building which has three general assembly rooms, thirteen classrooms, and a small, well-equipped kitchen.

Dr. D. A. McCall brought a very challenging dedicatory message.

The entire church program has also been expanded. The Sunday School enrollment has increased 45 per cent and the Training Union, 65 per cent.

The spirit of evangelism has been high during this time. There has been 91 additions to the church membership.

Along with these phases of growth and development the church has grown in stewardship, the budget having more than doubled.

Rev. E. L. Howell is the pastor.

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Sparks & Splinters

AMONG RECENT VISITOR'S IN THE office of the Baptist Record are: Dr. and Mrs. Judson Chastain, Poplarville; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; Rev. G. O. Parker, Carthage; Rev. Frank Roblin, West Point; Rev. J. H. Lane, Magee; L. S. Smith, Clinton; Rev. J. N. Brester, Yazoo City; Dr. Webb Brame, Yazoo City; Rev. Clyde L. Davis, Jackson; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Rev. C. O. Estes, Canton; Dr. O. P. Moore, Clarke College; Rev. J. T. Skelton, Goodman.

REV. C. J. HUGHES HAS RESIGNED the pastorate at Stringer, and accepted the work at Louin in Jasper County and Ted in Smith County. Mr. Hughes has moved to Louin in the pastor's home there. He was formerly pastor at Summerland.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a copy of the minutes of the 45th Annual Session of the Jasper County Association which met in Fellowship Church, September 21-22. Clerk, Mrs. W. J. Shoemaker of Bay Springs, seems to have done an excellent job in preparing the minutes, as did the printers in printing them.

Big event in the Baptist news for 1948 was the transfer of the Baptist World Alliance headquarters from London to Washington, and the election of Dr. Arnold Ohn of Norway as the general secretary.

FOUR KINDS OF WATER BAPTISM (\$1 paper — 60c cloth) by W. H. Murk, D. D. is a book on baptism but along different lines from the usual book on baptism. The eight chapter headings are: New Testament Water Baptism; Four Kinds of Water Baptism; The Baptism of Our Lord; The Baptism of Remission; Baptism unto Death, or Christian Baptism; Baptism in Relation to the Church; The Biblical Mode of Baptism; and The Origin of Infant Christening. There are two appendices at the end of the book, one by Dr. William L. Pettinghill on "The Evils of Infant Baptism," and one by Dr. John R. Rice on "How the World Got Wrong on Baptism." Order from the author, Dr. W. H. Murk, Temple Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

ANSON JUSTICE, KELHAM AVENUE Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is chairman of the room placement committee for the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City. Requests for reservations postmarked before February 1 will not be considered.

THE BAPTIST RECORD GREATLY appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Bethel Church in Sunflower County. The list was sent by Deacon J. F. Bishop.

U. S. METHODISTS NOW REPORT 8,- 651,062 members. The 37,908 Methodist church schools reported an enrolment of 5,655,806. Total church benevolences was listed at \$28,125,305, a loss of \$2,950,744 from the preceding year. Church property is valued at \$387,727,761.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS ruled that Calvert's liquor advertising must discontinue the use of the slogan, "Clear heads use Calvert's." The Department said the slogan violated the regulation prohibiting the use of ads "representing that the use of any distilled spirit has curative or therapeutic effects."

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH REPORTED record gains in 1948. For the first time the number of baptisms exceed 100,000. There were 93,251 infant "baptisms" reported, and 17,367 adult "baptisms." The membership is now 2,436,589.

THROUGH H. L. PEARSON, BLAINE Church recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions to the Baptist Record, therefore helping along toward the 63,000 mark.

REPORT TO PROTESTANTS (\$3) by Dr. Marcus Bach and published by The Bobbs-Merrill Co., 724 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind., was written after fifteen years of study of all denominations, sects, and cults, well-known and little-known. During a part of this period Dr. Bach held a Rockefeller fellowship in creative writing and research. Subtitled "A Personal Investigation of the Weakness, Need, Vision and the Great Potential of Protestants Today" Dr. Bach's book reviews in full the charge that Protestantism has lost ground in the last fifty years. Decisions of the World Assembly of Churches which recently met at Amsterdam will have more meaning for readers of **REPORT TO PROTESTANTS**. Dr. Bach now professor in the famous School of Religion at Iowa City, reports his personal experiences of the past fifteen years as dramatic evidence of today's conditions. Many readers will not agree with his arguments for a World Council, but whether they are pro or con, the book will prove helpful. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

UNION CHURCH IN PANOLA COUNTY is certainly a friend of the Baptist Record. Recently a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions was received, sent by Mrs. Jesse Crumley, Route 1, Sardis.

HANDCLASP OF THE AMERICAS (50c paper) by Dr. Alfred Carpenter, secretary of direct missions of the Home Mission Board is one of the graded series of home mission study books published by the Home Mission Board. It is intended for young people and adults. The author was pastor of Balboa Heights church in the Canal Zone for four years and has served as superintendent of direct missions of the Home Mission Board since 1941. He discusses mission work in the Canal Zone, Panama, and Costa Rica, and presents the needs of the fields. There is significant comparison of the Mediterranean area of the first century with the Caribbean bowl of the twentieth. Orders from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W. Atlanta, Ga., or the Baptist Book Store.

MERIDIAN, MISS. —(RNS)— THE Lauderdale County Ministerial Association presented members of the Meridian city council with copies of the Bible at their inauguration ceremony here. A large pulpit Bible for the council table was also given at the ceremony.

ALTHOUGH PASTORLESS SINCE September 1, 1948 when the pastor Dr. Claud B. Bowen became pastor of the First church, Greensboro, North Carolina, Calvary church, Jackson made an outstanding record during 1948. Total contributions through regular church offerings were \$109,047. There were 65 received for baptism, 1 by statement and 188 by letter. In addition, the Calvary mission received 8 by letter, 10 by baptism and one by statement. Dr. Harold G. Basden of the Mississippi College faculty is the supply pastor.

MT. MORIAH CHURCH IN CHOCTAW County expressed love and appreciation for their pastor, Rev. H. C. Ireland, by a shower at Christmas, which included a gift of cash.

MISS NANCY COOPER HAS BEEN elected executive secretary of the Arkansas W. M. U.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a copy of the minutes of the Grenada County Association, which met with the First Church, Grenada, on September 7. The minutes are attractively bound and well prepared, and a credit to the clerk, Mrs. Henry Willis.

BYRAM CHURCH HAS NOTED RESULTS from their recent tithing campaign. Although only 131 were present last Sunday 143 made offerings through the Sunday School, 13 having sent their tithes. Rev. Henry J. Bennett is the pastor.

CHURCH WORKER WANTED: A GOOD Mississippi County seat church wants a church worker. Duties are: Keep financial membership records of the church; do mimeographing and some office work; help promote the work in enlistment. An experienced woman, young preacher or layman would be acceptable. Write the editor of the Baptist Record who will pass the letter to the proper party.

MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS Wives Association of Mississippi College were richly blessed Thursday evening January 6th, by the presence of Rev. W. S. Landrum, of Clinton, who was the guest speaker. Rev. Landrum gave an inspiring talk on a Christian's goal for the year of 1949. His scripture reading was from the 3rd chapter of Phillipians, which records the goal of the great preacher Paul.

A COPY OF THE ATTRACTIVE MINUTES of the Yalobusha County Association has been sent to the Baptist Record office by the clerk, T. T. Gooch of Oakland. Brother Gooch rates among the top clerks who submit minutes to the Baptist Sunday School Board. On several occasions he has been awarded prizes on the excellence of the minutes which he gets out.

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BRANDON TO DEDICATE NEW BUILDING JAN. 16

The workmen have completed the new Baptist church at Brandon. Dedication services will be held Sunday, Jan. 16. The church voted unanimously to ask their pastor, Rev. Montie A. Davis, to preach the dedication sermon.

A full program has been arranged. The ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper will be observed at the evening hour of worship.

The Rev. Mr. Davis begins his second year as pastor on the above date. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

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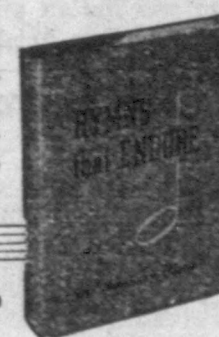


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By Robert G. Lee, D. D., Pastor,
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What marvelous things our eyes would behold, our ears would hear, our hearts would feel, our souls would experience if only we could have among those high in the official life of our denomination a deeper spirituality along with a well-conceived call to a deeper spirituality in our churches, our institutions, our programs and the personal lives of our people.

While I rejoice in the growth of our membership and contributions, and our growth in other respects, I have the conviction that Southern Baptists have not yet begun to attain their maximum efficiency in Christian service, and that we shall not measure up to our responsibilities and opportunities as we ought until there has come among us a genuine spiritual revival. Such a spiritual revival we need.

In our churches, as well as the denomination at large, we need above everything else a genuine and all-inclusive spiritual awakening that will see our church members so burdened for the salvation of the lost that they will go out after the unsaved and try to win them to faith in Christ—that will see our churches become so curcharged with spiritual power that the unsaved would again attend them in large numbers and be convicted of their sins because of the fact that they would feel the very presence of God in our worship services. Such we need.

Then, too, such a revival would so tone up the personal lives of the members of our churches that they would "come out from the world and be separate," rededicate themselves, their talents, their personalities, their time, their financial and other resources to the Lord—willing to do God's will no matter where it would lead them, no matter what the cost. Such we need.

Such a rededication would, by the Holy Spirit, remake the lives of individuals, our churches, our communities, our denomination. Such a remaking we need.

With the revival fire kindled and burning among us, the fires will spread to other evangelical denominations, transform our nation and evangelize the world. Such we need.

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SOUTHEAST PASTORS TO MEET JAN. 17

The Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet from 10 a. m. to 2:15 p. m. on January 17 at the First Church, Laurel. An interesting program has been planned for the day.

Dr. John E. Barnes will bring the message at the morning service, and Dr. James W. Parrish will lead a Bible study in the afternoon. The program also includes special music by Rev. Tom Renfro, a devotional by Rev. W. T. Johnson, a discussion on Ministerial Ethics by Rev. W. L. Meadows, and other items.

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Charles Gage To Coordinate Southern Baptist D. P. Work



CHARLES R. GAGE

RICHMOND, Va. — The appointment of Charles R. Gage to coordinate the entry of Displaced Persons into Southern Baptist Convention territory was announced today by Dr. George W. Sadler, director of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board. Gage presently is director of promotion for the Relief Committee and will retain that position although he will give a large part of his time to the new assignment.

Persons desiring to help settle displaced persons in this country write Mr. Gage at the Southern Baptist Relief Center, New Orleans, for application forms. Mr. Gage will work in close cooperation with Dr. R. L. Howard, Baptist World Alliance Displaced Persons coordinator in Washington.

The Federal Displaced Persons Commission, which is in charge of administering the Congressional Displaced Persons Act of 1948, requires assurances that the DP's will have employment at prevailing wages without displacing an American worker; that safe housing will be available without displacing another person; that transportation from the port of embarkation will be provided and that the immigrant will not become a charge on public funds. Upon acceptance by Federal Commission of such assurances concerning an individual, the Commission will inform its representatives in Europe who may then recommend applicants to the U. S. Consul for issuance of a visa.

Rev. Fred Schatz, formerly assistant to the President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is in Germany now helping to select the displaced persons and aiding them in preparing the proper papers to secure entry into the United States.

The Southern Baptist coordinator will work with the Baptist World Alliance coordinator in finding homes for the "Delayed Pilgrims" in the south. Write immediately to Charles R. Gage, Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana, for further information.

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The Sunday school has proved its worth in evangelism, character building, and enlistment. The organization can be used by our churches, large and small, to increase attendance, stimulate interest, and utilize all available talent. The Sunday school is a church agency that should be used at once to spearhead a mighty Christian advance. . . . T. L. Holcomb in The Sunday School Builder.

Rev. S. P. Andrews Retires At Houlika After 25 Years

Rev. S. P. Andrews of Houlika retired on December 26 after 43 years of active service. Rev. and Mrs. Andrews have purchased the Houlika parsonage and plan to make their home there. They have expressed a desire to spend the remainder of their lives among Houlika friends and to remain a member of the Houlika Church, which he has served as pastor for the past 25 years.

Other Mississippi pastorates include Mathiston, Bruce and Van Vleet. Before coming to Mississippi he served churches in Tennessee.

As a token of appreciation the church presented the Rev. and Mrs. Andrews a "love gift" of one hundred dollars.

The pastoral work will be carried on by three young men who were converted during the pastorate of Mr. Andrews: Frank Roy, a student at Louisville, Ky.; Paul Harwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harwood, a Union University student, and Hennin Andrews, youngest of three sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Andrews, now a senior at the Louisville Seminary.

Although Rev. Mr. Andrews does not plan to hold a pastorate, he plans to continue preaching.

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Canadian Accepts Pastorate Of Siloam, New Montpelier

Rev. Frank Roblin of Toronto, Canada has been called as pastor of Siloam and new Montpelier churches in Clay County. The Siloam church has purchased a pastor's home and it is now being made ready for the pastor who expects to move in within two or three weeks. The delay is due to the fact that Toronto, Canada is a long ways off and before the van can start with the furniture he had to arrange for its clearance through customs officials.

Mr. Roblin is the former pastor of Calvin Baptist Church in Toronto, which he organized. During his pastorate of the Calvin church he succeeded in reviving a church at Niagara Falls, Ontario, and at Ft. William, Ontario. He also pioneered another church in the outskirts of Toronto.

Educated at the Toronto Bible School and the Toronto Baptist Seminary, Mr. Roblin is married and the father of three children, ages 2, 7, and 11.

While a native of Canada, Mr. Roblin is of American background, his ancestors having moved from the United States to Canada about three generations ago. He has also held several meetings in the South, including three or four in Mississippi.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. J. N. TAYLOR

On Monday Jan. 3, the Ruleville W. M. S. held a memorial service for a loved member, Mrs. J. M. Taylor, who passed away on Dec. 11.

Mrs. Taylor was the last surviving charter member of the W. M. S. and one whose faithfulness and zeal encouraged and helped all who knew her.

Mrs. Bowden, president, expressed the sentiment of the society in saying that her loyalty to her master, her church and her society have left an influence for good not to be measured. "In the Garden" was sung and Mrs. Milling offered a prayer of thanks for her life.

ARTESIA MAKES PROGRESS

The Artesia Church has gotten off to a good start in the new church year.

In November, the floors of the auditorium were sanded, waxed, and varnished. During the month a Sunday School Course was held with a good attendance.

On the first Sunday in December a fund to buy new lights was begun, setting Christmas Day as the deadline. A few days before Christmas, the latest in fluorescent lights were installed.

The church also has a modern butane gas heating system.

At the Christmas season, the pastor was showered with gifts from church members and other friends. Along with this, the church presented the pastor a nice check.

During the week of January 3, the Intermediate Training Union held a Study Course, closing with a skating party with 30 present.

Rev. J. R. Stanford is pastor.

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REAL WORLD FELLOWSHIP

By Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary Baptist World Alliance
The time is in the summer of 1948, long past midnight after a hot day.

The scene is a village in Central Europe. A couple of oil lamps swinging from the low ceiling in two rooms in a farm house. The rooms are packed with refugees from a country to the East, old women with dried up, wrinkled faces, tollworn men straight from the fields, hardworked mothers with strangely quiet little children huddling against them, all of them with eyes shining with tears and joy.

A little man with a high-pitched, quavering voice is speaking. His tears are streaming. The words are addressed to Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, President of the Baptist World Alliance:

"Mr. President. We want you to know what the help from Baptists in the land you come from has meant to us. There are persons in these rooms who would not have been alive today if it hadn't been for the food sent us from America. There is not a man or a woman or a child who hasn't received something to keep him alive, out of the gifts coming from abroad. Please tell your people of our gratitude. And please do not go away at once. Every one here wants to shake your hand, and some perhaps even kiss it, because of the brotherhood you represent."

It was my great experience last summer to witness scenes like that. It impressed strongly upon me what our world fellowship really means, and I was reminded of it when thinking of our Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 6. In churches in large areas of this blessed North American Continent many thousands of Baptists will not only be speaking of our world fellowship on that day, but bringing an offering with which to strengthen it in a material way. Am I wrong in thinking that many Baptists who for some reason are prevented from sharing in a church offering on February 6, might wish to send a contribution to our Baptist World Alliance work? You can send it through your church or state treasurer, or mail it directly to our headquarters in the Baptist Building, Washington, D. C.

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